



Report from Mayor Jennifer Gregerson

to the Community, City Council and City Staff

August 4, 2014

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

Community Outreach

- Met with a number of residents to discuss property issues in their neighborhoods, ideas for projects, and issues in the city, and answer questions. If you'd like to meet with me, just call my office at 425-263-8018 or email me.
- Attended Cities and Towns monthly meeting and heard an update on the upcoming legislative session.
- Met with the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival Director to hear an update on planning for the upcoming festival, September 5-7.
- Welcomed visitors from Whitefish, Montana, on a tour of our City Hall. We shared information about our city hall design process and suggestions for successes and ways to improve the design process.
- Was interviewed by a Boy Scout pursuing a merit badge about the Diamond Knot sidewalk cafe topic.
- Attended an event announcing this year's Citizens of the Year and honoring Jim Brice with a memorial bench at Rosehill.



Fire Regionalization Proposal

Mayor Gregerson and staff presented a negotiated contract for fire service with Fire District 1 to the City Council this month. This contract would provide better service at a lower cost to residents. The City Council is reviewing the proposal in depth as they decide on what actions to take. For more information, go to ci.mukilteo.wa.us/Page.asp?NavID=310

- Spoke at the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary's monthly lunch and shared updates on my action agenda and vision for the City moving forward, and answered questions from the membership.

A Vibrant Economy

- Attended UniEnergy Technologies celebration of their new smart grid battery technology and grant award, along with

Completed Action Agenda Human Resources

The City's new Human Resources Manager began work on August 1st. This service will reduce city liability concerns and provide support and resources to city employees.

- Governor Jay Inslee and representatives from Snohomish County PUD, Puget Sound Energy, Avista, and other federal representatives. UET is part of a vibrant technology sector in Mukilteo.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting and updated them on news from the city. They are working on a strategic tourism outreach campaign to encourage visitors to visit and enjoy Mukilteo.
- Toured Himalayan Chew and learned about their manufacturing process, and their plans for growth.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast

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meeting, which featured an interesting discussion amongst the members and the speaker about the debate on minimum wage.

- Discussed city property at 76th Street and future plans with the President and Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and City staff.
- Met with Greg Tisdell of Economic Alliance of Snohomish County and talked about issues of mutual interest in the county.
- Met with Troy McClelland from Economic Alliance of Snohomish County to discuss next year's legislative agenda and the efforts to unify our voice in Snohomish County.
- Convened the Council's Paine Field Airport Committee to discuss next steps and strategy.



Mayor Gregerson was honored to join Governor Inslee at an event celebrating the great work that UniEnergy Technologies is doing at their Mukilteo business. Their innovative battery storage solution can make renewable energy projects work better and smarter. We are proud that they call Mukilteo home.

A Safe Community

- Attended a joint meeting with the City's current emergency management provider, Emergency Services Coordinating Agency, and Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management to discuss emergency management services for our city and others in the south Snohomish and north

Public Works Crews eliminated **35** trip hazards in the Harbour Pointe Village neighborhood this month, and painted **30** stop bars and **6** crosswalks!

King County region.

- Attended the Leadership Alliance Against Coal meeting, which brings together elected officials and policy makers, to discuss response and actions to be taken on coal and oil train proposals. Our voices together carry more weight on this important topic.



Mayor Gregerson was honored to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Lillian Nesheim, along with other residents of the Harbour Pointe Retirement Center this month!

- Attended Council's Public Safety Committee to discuss fire regionalization, answered questions and provided additional information on the topic.
- Attended Domestic Violence Services Hope Within Luncheon. It was an inspiring event, which helps acknowledge the victims of domestic violence killed in the last year. I remain committed to investing in services for the victims of domestic violence in our city.



This month, Mayor Jennifer Gregerson married our new first gentleman of Mukilteo, Jeff Wakeman!

- Met with Mill Creek's City Administrator to talk about emergency preparedness and planning topics related to ESCA, our current emergency preparedness provider.
- Talked with Mayor Nicola Smith of Lynnwood about our partnership agreements helping provide fire services in Mukilteo, including our ALS (advanced life support) license and our shared Medical Services Officer.

Transportation

- Attended Council's Transportation Committee meeting, discussed ideas for updates to transportation policies. I want to ensure that we improve accessibility and mobility to destinations throughout our community.
- Met with Washington State Department of Transportation Regional Administrator Lorena Eng and staff to talk about opportunities and challenges related to SR525 and 526 in our community. Public Works staff and I shared our priorities for improvements needed on SR525 and SR526.
- Met with Joy Munkers and

Your Input Requested!

Check out our survey about Mukilteo's next 20 years: www.surveymonkey.com/s/L3YMTLC

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Todd Morrow from Community Transit to discuss ideas for service improvements in Mukilteo and hear an update on the Mukilteo Park and Ride project. The park and ride is being designed now, and planned to be located along the Mukilteo Speedway at Bernie Webber Drive, near the Historic Flight Museum. Construction could be completed in 2015-2017.



The City presented an impressive team who did their best against the Mukilteo Water District's softball team, in an event celebrating and encouraging wellness.

A Great Team

- Conducted one-on-one meetings with department directors, providing feedback on their work plans and hearing updates on their priorities.
- Visited Public Works and Fire crews shifts to share updates for the quarter and hear from them directly.
- Held our quarterly all-staff meeting and shared my vision for Mukilteo, and shared appreciation of our excellent employees and the great work that they do.
- Welcomed our new HR Manager, Julie Good, to the city, for her first day at work, Friday, August 1! The City's new Finance Director also began work this month, on July 16.

Waterfront and Japanese Gulch

- Attended coordination meeting on the Mukilteo multi-modal waterfront project, with representatives from WSF, the



Mayor Gregerson thanked a volunteer group from Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma, who spent a day doing work at the Tails and Trails Dog Park and helping with beach clean up along Edgewater Beach Park and the interim access path.

City, Port of Everett, NOAA and Island County. Work continues to move forward on the ferry terminal project, which is now fully funded and moving through the environmental review process.

Sustainability

- Met with Sound Transit staff to discuss projects and ways that we can support each other. I shared our desire to have the Mount Baker Rail crossing opened up whenever the Port of Everett completes their new access road to Edgewater Beach Park. Signs are good that this will be well-timed with the Port's project and permanent access to Edgewater.

This month's art show at Rosehill features **20** artists from the Northwest Collage Society, exhibited throughout the community center.

- Attended an orientation on CAMS, cost accounting management software, system. The City will use this to track public works activities and service requests. Eventually, we'll have a much better idea of what it takes to maintain our streets, parks, stormwater and facilities. Knowing the true cost of

maintenance and operations is an key to understanding life cycle costs.

- Participated in our monthly Green Team meeting where we decided to a pair an Office Supply Swap with our quarterly all-staff meeting, and remind employees that we have battery recycling drop off points at all our buildings.
- Chaired the Alliance for Housing Affordability monthly meeting. PSRC presented their housing work plan and we heard a summary of the housing profile for the Cities of Lynnwood and Mill Creek. Mukilteo's profile will help staff build our comprehensive plan policies on housing, and hearing about other cities points out intriguing contrasts.
- Attended the City's first Wellness Program Softball Game, played against the Mukilteo Water District. I got to throw out the first pitch and cheer our team on. They had a fun evening, but the Water District went home with bragging rights and the victory for the day.